

Rejection at the Feet of Jesus (Mark 10:17-27)

Proposition: Every one of us must closely follow the account of the rich young ruler to ensure that we will not find rejection at the feet of Jesus.

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Often times you will find many in the gospel accounts sitting at the feet of Jesus. And at the feet of Jesus many wonderful things happened. in

Matt 15:30 the lame, blind, dumb, & maimed were healed at Jesus feet. In Luke 8:35 the once demon possessed man found a sound mind at the feet of Jesus. In Luke 10 the good part that was given to Mary never to be taken away was received at the Feet of Jesus. There is even a song sung ages ago. Many things to be found at Jesus feet but none of us would ever think that rejection would be found at his feet but that is exactly what this ^{rich} young ruler found. Every

1. The Partition that Was Made (vs 17)

You couldn't ask for a better soul winning opportunity. We would have said his ^{harvest} life for

A. A Hasty Partition (17b) - One of the murdered, what is brought this man so urgently to Jesus. Eternal life was on his mind. Could it be a brush w/ eternal death. The death of a close family, a brush w/ death. This is a very emotionally charged situation. It ought to be. Message: Flee Wrath to

B. A Honoring Partition (17c-d) - This man was not disengenuous. I've seen people respond to gospel miles

With a read disingenuous spirit, asking
quon, what can you do for me. This man
seems to have the right Spirit about
him. The matters of eternity are weighing

C. A Hopeful Patitioner (17e) - There
is something within the heart of
man that cries out I don't want to die
Ecclesiastes 3: 11 infers that God has placed
eternity in our hearts. From the innermost
recesses of this man's soul the cry has
brought him in hope of gaining immortality.

II. The Preaching that was Mt (18-20)
It seems as though Jesus didn't take our soul
winning classes. This is where you pray a pray...

A. A Reflective Question (Vs 18) - The
title "Good Master" = implies an imperfect
standard of moral goodness. He regards Jesus
as a merely human teacher. Not God.
Jesus throws cold water all over situation w/
a reflective question. Jesus is not saying he is not
God, he is upping the ante from general goodness to good-
ness.

B. A Review of Commands (Vs 19) - Just as
God has done since Mt Sinai. He points
sinful man to His Holy Law. The intent
of the Law is to bow the head not bow
the heart. The Law can do nothing but reveal
sin not remit sin. Wanger W. The Law
can bring a sinner to Christ, but the Law cannot

C. A Revealing Counter (20) - The response

1) Don't wait 'neath the gates of pearl, don't wait on the streets of gold, Don't wait by the walls of jasper, nor among the many sites untold; For I've been longing and I've been waiting for the precious, holy One to meet, There I'll be thru the countless ages, wait for me at Jesus' feet.

2) ...Every one of us must closely follow the account of the rich young ruler to ensure that we will not find rejection at the feet of Jesus.

3) ...God goodness. He is laying groundwork concerning the reality of His person. Let's be clear. Jesus is God! If He's not God. He's not perfect. If He's not perfect, He's not Saviour!

4) ...Law cannot make a sinner like Christ. Only Grace can do that!"

1) ...good and bad, and if the good out weighs the bad then they win heaven. Well it doesn't work that way. God's not keeping score. If he were we would have been dead and in Hell a long time ago.

2) ...It didn't matter if I could equate, derivate, integrate, or differentiate, when it come to the end of the problem, if I couldn't add and subtract, was wrong! This man came nigh to the end of a outwardly moral life and came up wrong by one thing.

3) 1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil... 2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world...

of the Man was revealing. clue here O.K. He
proclaimed his own blamelessness outwardly.
All these commands were broken outwardly.
This gets back to this question What shall
do!!! Many think their doing before God
merit eternal life. God will add up good + bad...

III The Problem that was Marked (21-22)

Although there was a big problem, Jesus loved
him, felt in love with this man, a gospel love yet told him

A. A Single Problem (21a) - Nothing

was more frustrating in college than
to miss a math problem by one mistake.

Wouldn't it be horrible to attend
a morally upright life a church

going life. a self giving life, a charited
life and yet lack the one thing that leads to eternal

B. A Severing Problem (21b) - Caution

ness was the inward damning sin. Jesus
2:10 "if you keep the whole law..." With these

instructions Jesus cut right to the heart of
the matter. The love of things more than

God. 1 Tim 6:10 (3) Salvation is free, but no
one can be a disciple of Jesus w/o denying themselves

C. A Saddening Problem (22) - The

word grieves gives the picture of
storm clouds gathering. He came seeking

for salvation on his own terms. He was
clinging to heaven on a gilded ladder of

self righteousness. He needed one more rung
A. B. C. To reach heaven what he got was

a satter that was falling apart, bringing him crashing down

IV. The Possibility that was Mediated (23-27)

This is not how you are supposed to grow a following. Jesus. The disciples are stunned.

A. A Difficult Possibility (23-24)

These disciples were stunned because wealth and riches were seen as the smile of God, the Blessing of God. But truly wealth and riches can deceive us into trusting our selves instead of God. Remember the parable of sows in MK4:19 riches choked out the seeds of Gospel!

B. A Demonstrated impossibility (25)

Some teachers believe that this eye of a needle was a gate @ Jerusalem through which by much effort a camel could pass but the wording in Matthew & Mark refers to a needle used w/ thread, Luke's account uses a word for a surgical needle. There is no way ^{eternal life & have an to} this man can have ^{count}

C. A Divine Possibility (26-27) - Truth

he knew this root of carelessness is in the heart of all. All too well I knew the expressions of it! That's my toy! That's my shirt, "That's my seat." The disciples gulped wondering of their own elementy. Jesus reassures them that if a careless heart will have

V. Closing - If you were to know

@ Jesus feel tonight, w/ questions concerning eternal life. Would you find rejection because of your tight grip on the things of this world. Or acceptance & ^{Salvation by} surrender

- 1) ...heart will willingly bow to His lordship, bow admitting their sinfulness, bow surrendering their self made ladder to eternal life, God can take that impossible heart and bring into the kingdom of God through the narrow way mediated at the Cross of Calvary.